

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of) Group Art Unit: 1741
HARROLD et al.)
Serial No.: 10/780,963)
Filed: February 18, 2004)
For: **Polyelectrolyte-Coated Size-Exclusion**)
Ion-Exchange Particles)
Confirmation No. 1685)
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STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner of Patents
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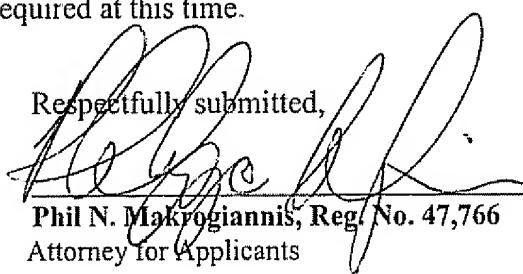
Sir:

According to our records, the above-identified application was filed on February 18, 2004, and the Official Updated Filing Receipt was mailed August 16, 2004. Since then, we have yet to receive an office action from the Patent Office regarding this application.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Commissioner advise him of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the Applicant is required at this time.

Date: March 21, 2006

Respectfully submitted,


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